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Serial No.: 09/922,496  
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Invention: "Karabiners"

Filing Date: August 3, 2001  
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Transmitted herewith is an Amendment in the above-identified application.

- ☒ Small Entity Status is asserted for this application under 37 CFR 1.27.  
A verified statement to establish small entity status under 37 CFR 1.27 is enclosed.  
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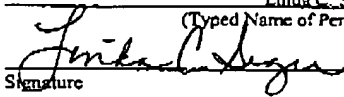
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In response to the Office Communication, dated December 29, 2004,  
Applicant submits the following amendments and remarks.

Amendments to the CLAIMS begin on page 2 of this document.

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